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the Government in 1922 by the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellala Committee, *viz.*, "there are on the whole only twelve graduates in the community. Most of them have not taken to English education," have come to their notice?

(*b*) Can the Government not gather from the above quotation that in this community there are only very few persons who have received higher education?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are affording any encouragement to this community as in the case of other communities who have no taste for education?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The conclusion referred to does not necessarily follow from the premises quoted.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

*Appointments in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.*

398. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of vacancies, permanent or temporary, that have arisen during the past three years in the office of the Director of Public Instruction?

(*b*) How many persons were promoted to the office of the Director of Public Instruction from subordinate offices during these three years?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the complaint that, in the re-organisation of the Education Department in Tulam, 1098, many clerks with short service were promoted to the higher grade, disregarding the claims of many with long service, has any foundation?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

| | *Year.* | *Number.* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | *Permanent.* | *Temporary.* |
| (*a*) | 1096 | 4 | 37 |
| | 1097 | ... | 33 |
| | 1098 | 6 | 49 |
| (*b*) | 1096 | ... | 2 |
| | 1097 | ... | ... |
| | 1098 | 4 | 1 |

(*c*) It is reported that the claims of all the clerks were fully considered.

*Publication of old Tamil Manuscripts.*

399. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to appoint a scholar for

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